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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WANG ET AL.

Examiner

Nihir Patel

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on March 8th, 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-10, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27-39, and 43 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 40 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 11-15, 17-19, 21 and 24-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 41 and 42 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments filed on March 8th, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argued that that figure 2 depicts a general system level view of a system that includes heat sinks according to some embodiments. The remaining figures of the application depicts the heat sinks that are usable in the system of figure 2. The applicant also argued that figures 3 and 4 also do not depict different species of the invention but rather show different parts of a heat sink according to an embodiment. The examiner disagrees. The examiner believes that figure 2 is the first embodiment since it comprises a heat sink 108 that can be remotely located. Figure 3 being the second embodiment since it comprises heat pipes 110 which are contacted to a heat producing device and figures 4, 5, and 6 being the third embodiment since it comprises airflow channels 122, 124, and 126 that are extending through the heat sink block. Therefore the requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 6-10, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27-39, and 43 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

In reference to claims 1 and 24, the applicant argues that the heat pipe 110 is actually not connected in any way to the header disk assembly 130, rather the heat pipe 110 is connected to a thin conduction plate 104. The examiner disagrees. Referring to column 4 lines 24-35 the reference states that the thin plates 104 are adhered to the head disk assembly 130 that makes it a part of the head disk assembly. Since the thin plates 104 are a part of the head disk assembly, Hillman does teach extending an elongated heat conduit through a substantial portion of a block.

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In reference to claim 31, claim 31 has been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a non-elected species.

In response to applicant's argument regarding claim 11 that there is no suggestion to combine the references, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, the applicant claims that the block has airflow channels to provide surfaces on the block exposed to airflow in which Suzuki '213 does (see figures 15a, 15b, and 15c).

In conclusion claims 1-5, 11-15, 17-19, 21, and 24-26 are rejected under the previous office action dating back to December 2nd, 2003 still applies.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claim 40 is allowed.

Claims 41 and 42 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

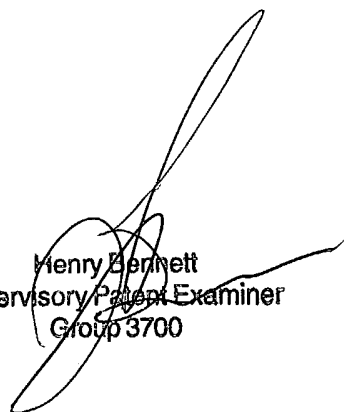
3. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Nihir Patel whose telephone number is (703) 306-3463. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful the examiner supervisor Henry Bennett can be reached at (703) 308-0101.

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May 5th, 2003



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